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1. IN MEETING CHARACTERIZED BY EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE APPROACH BY ALL PARTICIPANTS U.S. POSITION AS CONTAINED REFTEL PREVIALED IN VIRTUALLY ALL COUNTS. AD HOC COMMITTEE AGREED RECOMMEND BIENNIAL BUDGETING BEGINNING 1976/77 ON PROGRAM/BUDGET BASIS WITH MEDIUM TERM PLAN IN MULTIPLES OF TWO YEARS, GOVERNING COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHETHER PLAN SHOULD BE ON FOUR OR SIX YEAR BASIS. AGREED ALSO RECOMMEND THAT MEDIUM TERM PLANNING BE ON "ROLLING" RATHER THAN FIXED BASIS WITH EACH SUBSEQUENT BIENNIUM EXTENDING THE MEDIUM TERM AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS I.E. IF SIX YEAR MEDIUM TERM CONCEPT ADOPTED, GOVERNING COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR 1976-81 IN 1975, MEDIUM TERM PLAN FOR 1978-83 IN 1977 ETC.

2. COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDING PERIODIC OVERALL EVALUATION AND REVIEW OF PROGRAM, THE FIRST OF WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN THIRD YEAR OF NEW SYSTEM, I.E. 1978, WITH SUBSEQUENT REVIEWS EACH FOUR YEARS.

3. IN PREPARING MEDIUM TERM PROJECTION, DIRECTOR SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A) INDICATION OF PROGRAM CONFIGURATION AND LEVELS
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GIVEN BY GOVERNING COUNCIL AND B) EXPECTED VARIATIONS IN COSTS

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BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT INDICES OF HOST COUNTRIES. PROJECTION SHOULD BE PRESENTED WITH CLEAR INDICATION OF THOSE COSTS STEMMING FROM CHANGES IN PRICES, OR STATUTORY INCREASES, AND THOSE DUE TO PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS.

4. AN EFFORT BY NETHERLAND REP TO INTRODUCE CONCEPT OF RESERVE FUND TO MEET BUDGETARY SHORTFALLS STEMMING FROM INFLATION OF CURRENCY FLUCTUATION WAS DEFEATED AS WAS A TENTATIVE PROPOSAL THAT COUNCIL MIGHT RE-EXAMINE BASIS OR SCALE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NEW MEMBERS, JOINING DURING A BIENNIUM FOR WHICH A BUDGET HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED, WOULD BE CREDITED TO COUNCIL'S SPECIAL FUND FOR USE AS COUNCIL MIGHT DECIDE INCLUDING SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES. IN SUBSEQUENT BIENNIUM COUNCIL MIGHT CONSIDER USE OF NEW MEMBERS CONTRIBUTION FOR EITHER A) INCREASING PROGRAM ABOVE PROJECTED LEVEL OR B) REDUCING CONTRIBUTIONS OF PARTICIPATING STATES OR C) A COMBINATION OF A) AND B).

6. FINAL APPROVED TEXT OF RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT.BASSIN

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